

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.001 to about 5% by weight of a polysaccharide gum;
- (ii) from about 0.001 to about 10% by weight of a taurate copolymer; and
- (iii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier, wherein the composition has a pH of less than 7.

2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of xanthan, sclerotium, pectin, karaya, arabic, agar, guar, carrageenan, alginate and combinations thereof.

3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the taurate copolymer is at least partially formed from acryloyl dimethyltaurate as a monomer unit.

4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein the acryloyl dimethyltaurate is copolymerized with a monomer selected from the group consisting of styrene, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, vinyl pyrrolidone, isoprene, vinyl alcohol, vinyl methylether, chloro-styrene, maleic acid, acrylamide, methacrylamide and mixtures thereof.

5. A composition according to claim 4 wherein the taurate copolymer is acryloyl dimethyltaurate/vinyl pyrrolidone copolymer.

6. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the polysaccharide is xanthan gum and the taurate copolymer is acryloyl dimethyltaurate/vinyl pyrrolidone copolymers.

7. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH ranges from about 1 to about 6.

8. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the pH ranges from 2.5 to 3.8.

9. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the polysaccharide ranges in amount from about 0.1 to about 2% and the taurate copolymer ranges in amount from about 0.1 to about 5%.